



University of Victoria

Programs in natural restoration for working professionals

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The University of Victoria is offering two certificate and diploma programs in natural restoration that will be of interest to natural resource professionals who are working in, or would like to extend their expertise in, environmental resource management.

The Restoration of Natural Systems Certificate and Diploma is an award-winning program which has been operating for 12 years to serve the needs of students new to the field of restoration. The program takes a holistic approach, combining science and social science. Graduates emerge from this program with broad-based knowledge of restoration techniques and information about diverse ecosystems in British Columbia, and with a conceptual framework for restoration projects, which is rooted firmly in the context of community. Courses are designed for people who need a flexible study format and are offered through on-campus immersion and distance education. For summer 2009, we will be offering the following courses:

- Field Study in Environmental Restoration
- Advanced Principles and Concepts of Ecological Restoration

- Forest Restoration and Sustainable Forestry
- Ecorestoration Strategies: Case Studies

For more information, see www.uvcs.uvic.ca/restore

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Both of these programs are offered in partnership between the School of Environmental Studies and the Division of Continuing Studies. You can take a few courses or take the full program. For more information, contact: Janet Pivnick at jpivnick@uvcs.uvic.ca or 250-721-8463. 